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SUBJECT: IRISH AMBASSADOR TO TOKYO, DAVID NELIGAN

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1. WHILE JAPANESE-IRISH RELATIONS WERE NOT SUCH TO AFFORD
AMBASSADOR NELIGAN HIGH PROFILE IN TOKYO, AND EMBASSY
UNFORTUNATELY NEVER HAD OCCASION TO DEAL WITH HIM ON
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, IMPRESSIONS OF HIM HERE ARE ALL
FAVORABLE. HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY OBSERVERS AS A GOOD
LISTENER, WHO IS PLEASANT, POLITE, DECENT AND CONSCIENTIOUS.

2. AS A PROTESTANT NELIGAN SHOULD HAVE SOME ADVANTAGE IN
ESTABLISHING THE REQUISITE RAPPORT IN HIS NEW JOB; IN
TOKYO HE ENJOYED ESPECIALLY CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE UK
EMBASSY. HE IS SAID TO BE REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST
PROMISING IRISH DIPLOMATS, HAVING ATTAINED HIGH OFFICE AT
A RELATIVELY YOUNG AGE. ONE CHORE HE DID NOT RELISH WAS
MEDIATING THE SQUABBLES OF THE TWO RIVAL GAELIC SOCIETIES
WHICH REPORTEDLY DIVIDE THE PRIESTHOOD CORE OF JAPAN'S
IRISH COMMUNITY. MANSFIELD

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